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PINE MANOR COLLEGE OFFERS \$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN

Pine Manor College (PMC) is a small, private college offering two-year and four-year undergraduate degrees for women. Students at Pine Manor receive a high quality education in small, interactive classes.



Pine Manor
College

Located in a Boston suburb, Pine Manor's beautiful green sixty-acre campus is just minutes away from downtown and easily accessible by public transportation. PMC is known for its vast diversity, supportive community, and excellent internship programs.

Apply by **June 15th** to be considered for a **\$10,000** per year scholarship. Send your transcript and TOEFL (or IELTS) to admission@pmc.edu today!

For more information and to apply, please visit: www.pmc.edu/international

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE ANNOUNCES SPECIAL TUITION RATE

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, located just outside St. Louis, Missouri, announces an exciting scholarship opportunity for international undergraduate students. This new scholarship will reduce tuition and be awarded to new international freshman beginning their studies at SIUE in Fall 2012 for up to eight semesters of full-time study.

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The special tuition rate will reduce annual tuition for selected undergraduate international students from \$13,000 to approximately \$6,400 (excluding fees). Over four years, the award will have a value of approximately **\$28,000** when compared with traditional undergraduate international student tuition rates.

An awardee will be required to present a bank statement showing a minimum balance of \$19,897 to meet immigration requirements and to be issued an I-20. Instructions for an undergraduate application to SIUE can be found at <http://bit.ly/mtt3rh>. No additional materials are necessary to be considered for the scholarship and the application fee for undergraduate international applications has been waived.

For more information, please contact: Sandra Tamari, International Admissions Counselor Office of International Programs Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Telephone: 618-650-3781 Fax: 618-650-5099 Email: satamar@siue.edu.

THOMAS COLLEGE INCREASES INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP TO \$12,000 ANNUALLY

Each international applicant is automatically considered for a scholarship that can be up to **\$12,000** for each year of undergraduate study – double the amount that has been offered before! This brings the total costs of tuition, board, and fees to just under \$20,000 for a private US education!

There is still time to apply for in-take this fall. Thomas College has rolling admissions, so there is also plenty of time to get your application items in and apply for a student visa.

For more information, please visit www.thomas.edu/international or contact tapleym@thomas.edu.



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8TH ANNUAL GLOBAL SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The Global Social Entrepreneurship Competition (GSEC) is a leading-edge international social venture plan competition, where interdisciplinary student teams from around the world propose innovative, commercially viable businesses aimed at reducing poverty in developing countries.

Sponsored by the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington, the GSEC offers monetary prizes to teams that develop the most innovative businesses with the best integration of financial and social returns on investment, including Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) and Global Health. GSEC business plans may focus on any subject area and it is open to currently enrolled students at any academic institution of higher education worldwide. Applications will be available in July 2011.



For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/fevX4>

FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE AT THE WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

Each year, The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars offers approximately 20-25 residential fellowships to scholars working with national and/or international issues in the social sciences and humanities. Eligible candidates must hold a Ph.D. and can be citizens or permanent residents from any country, provided they hold a valid passport and obtain a J1 Visa.



**Woodrow Wilson
International
Center
for Scholars**

Wilson Center fellowships provide the opportunity for scholars to propose projects involving public policy issues that are related to three main themes: governance, the U.S. role in the world, and future challenges. The online application will be available in the early summer.

For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/7f1RkI>

II. News You Can Use

NEW VIDEO: INSIDER'S GUIDE – WRITING A GREAT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The most compelling letters of recommendation offer information that either expands upon something we have already learned from the student's portion of the application or informs us of something entirely new. The best recommendations are not checklists of what the student has accomplished; the best recommendations expound upon these accomplishments.

This video by Vanderbilt University offers tips to counselors and teachers on writing a great letter of recommendation for students pursuing admissions to a U.S. college or university.

Watch the Video: <http://bit.ly/mb0lm7>

STUDYING HUMANITIES: STUDENTS' VIEWS ON THE VALUE OF A HUMANITIES DEGREE

When selecting a major or a program of study, students often face a number of questions regarding how they will utilize their degree and how this degree will potentially translate into a future career. In particular, there exists the misconception among many students that a degree in the humanities lacks the economic and practical viability of other, more scientific fields of study.

However, a recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* weighs in on this issue from the perspectives of six Stanford University seniors, who offer a passionate defense of the humanities as a valuable and a necessary component of a university education.

Read Article: <http://bit.ly/IPF6fI>

UNDERSTANDING THE VOCABULARY: A GUIDE FOR DECODING THE TERMINOLOGY ON AN APPLICATION

The terminology included in college applications can often be unclear and downright confusing to students who are applying to college for the first time. To attempt to minimize this confusion, Collegeview.com has provided a useful article titled "15 Lesser Known (But Equally Important) Admissions Terms."

Taking the time to become familiar with this unique vocabulary ensures that the college application is completed appropriately, and a correct application is an important component of a successful and positive acceptance process.

Read Article: <http://bit.ly/I91q98>

EDUSA CONNECTS LIVE: PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE TO THE UNITED STATES

Did you know that over 690,000 international students furthered their education in the United States last year? As you prepare to embark on your own educational journey in the U.S., the initial experience can be both an exciting and uncertain time for you.

Join us for a special EdUSA Connects series on Pre-Departure Planning and come ready with your questions! These online events will include important information for international students regarding their travel to the U.S. In addition, experts from U.S. colleges & universities will offer their advice on campus life, classroom culture, and financial planning.

Participation is free – don't miss this unique opportunity!

Pre-Departure Planning

<http://edusaconnects.acrobat.com/predeparture>

Campus Life: Liberal Arts Colleges

Elizabeth DuMont-McCaffrey, Mount Holyoke College
June 7th from 9am – 10am EDT

Campus Life: Community Colleges

Janice M. Thomas, Brookdale Community College
June 7th from 1030am – 1130am EDT

Classroom Culture

Yelena Kosheleva, McMurry University
June 8th from 10am – 11am EDT

Financial Planning

Scott King, University of Iowa
June 9th from 9am – 10am EDT

Campus Life: Large Universities

Megan McCarthy, The Ohio State University
June 9th from 1030am – 1130am EDT

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